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To Melissa Miller-Hensen,

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I am writing to you to for your consideration of the MLPA marine reserves. As it stands now, the marine reserves will go into effect whether or not there is any resistance from any group opposed to the current make-up of the reserves. Even with the lack of honest, historic, and viable data, the scientific facts are being bent to prejudice the general public. Who isn't for the environment? The catastrophic outcome of California's fishery, as portrayed by every biologist with a vested interest, is layed at the feet of the sportfisherman. What about the commercial fishermen who take 93% of the fish not including the bycatch?

If there are to be no-take reserves, surfers, kayakers, divers, and even sailors should excluded from these areas also. Non consumptive groups keep pushing for the no-take reserves so they should shoulder the cost of management and law enforcement. It is unacceptable and illegal in current state law to make recreational anglers pay for the management of areas they are not allowed to fish. There will be a great hue and cry from non-user groups to pay any kind of fees to fund marine management. The money from fishing licenses and taxes on equipment and supplies have paid for marine management and conservation far above any California non-user group could hope to approach. That money should not be siphoned off to create a separate economy for a handfull of scientists and their students to be employed ad infinitum. The environmentalists of this era are all about exclusion not inclusion. Great swaths of land and now the ocean are being made inaccessible to the majority of common people who don't have the disposable wealth to utilize this State's resources in the fashion environmentalists envision.

Sincerely,

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